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EXHIBIT: #VII.C.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

DATE: April 14, 2010

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Review Team Report Concerning the Request from the Great Bay Community College, located in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for Authorization to Offer its Associate of Science in General Studies degree in Maine at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Background: 20-A MRSA, Chapter 409 provides that the State Board of Education may approve an application from a postsecondary educational institution located outside the State of Maine to offer within the state courses or programs for academic credit. Officials from Great Bay Community College (GBCC), located in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, have made application to offer, in the State of Maine, the Associate of Science in General Studies. Specifically, GBCC seeks to offer coursework leading to the Associate of Science in General Studies within facilities located on the premises of the Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard (PNSY) in Kittery.

GBCC is duly incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and is one of seven colleges that comprise the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH). Formerly known as the New Hampshire Community Technical College – Stratham, GBCC is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

GBCC has been collaborating with York County Community College (YCCC) and the PNSY to deliver non-credit courses on-site for the PNSY apprenticeship program. This program is expanding to include credit courses leading to an Associate Degree for PNSY employees. To this end, YCCC and GBCC continue to work collaboratively with the PNSY to each offer its respective degree programs. PNSY students will have the opportunity to matriculate into either GBCC's degree program or YCCC's degree program.

The GBCC application was reviewed in accordance with rules established by the State Board and evaluated through the use of standards adopted by the Board. The Board approved Review Team met in the PNSY training facilities on February 3, 2010 with GBCC and PNSY representatives. Following this visit the Team compiled its report of findings which was distributed during the Board's March 10, 2010 meeting.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education accept the Review Team's report of findings and approve the request from the Great Bay Community College to offer its Associate of Science in General Studies degree in Maine at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. The period for approval would be from winter 2010 to winter 2013.

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